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Title: Article, Method and Apparatus of Forming Expanded Plastic Materials in a Steam Chest Mold

ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2009. Claims 1-22 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner has indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372:

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I. Claims 1-5, 14-15, and 22, drawn to a steam chest molded article or an energy absorbing element,

II. Claims 6-13, drawn to a steam chest mold apparatus, and

III. Claims 16-21, drawn to a process for making a steam chest molded product.

In response, Applicant elects, without traverse, to continue to prosecute the invention the Examiner identified as Group II, including claims 6-13, drawn to a steam chest mold apparatus.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for examination on the merits, which is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this election or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of the above fees associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1759. A duplicate copy of this form is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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